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SUBJECT East Germany

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REMARKS [REDACTED]

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Between 17 May and 1 June 1953, the quarters of the artillery brigade at Olympisches Dorf, Doberitz, were occupied by a guard detail only. There was no change in the strength of Unit Kavallov (fma) consisting of 300 to 350 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Five or 6 groups of about 12 EM each were repeatedly observed at basic training or close-order drill. Almost daily, driving school practice was held. On 1 June, 40 soldiers armed with carbines and led by an officer marched to the firing range on Hamburger Chaussee. Unit Popoff (fmu) still numbered about 40 soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was observed in the billeting area, but on several days, about 80 soldiers were engaged in the construction of earth bunkers. In addition to the previously reported bridge construction material, three large piles of 3 meters long round timber were observed. There was no change in the previously reported 12 pontoons and 2 boats on special trailers. Groups of 12 to 15 EM were daily observed on the training ground south of Hamburger Chaussee. They received close-combat training and practiced with machine guns and 82-mm mortars. Field training was also observed on the training ground northeast of Olympisches Dorf. Weapons seen included 4 x 82-mm mortars and 6 x 120-mm mortars. On 21 May, 25 sidecar motorcycles with a mounted machine gun each left the gate of Neues Lager on the road from Rohrbeck to Sperlingshof and went to the training ground south of Hamburger Chaussee.

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2. During the period from 27 to 29 May, [REDACTED] while on the way to building No 123 at Altes Lager, that the 25 quarters for EM on both sides of the state way were occupied to capacity. Each building housed about 60 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery and probably mortar insignia (crossed beams with spade-like triangles on the two lower ends). On 27 and 29 May, 7 or 8 groups of 12 EM each were engaged in basic training and close-order drill on the drill ground, while about 6 groups of 12 EM, each did gymnastics on the gymnasium. Groups of 10 to 12 EM received instruction near the billeting buildings. On 28 May, the nine gates of structures Nos 84, 85 and 86 stood open. A canvas-covered rocket launcher, probably of the M-13 type, was observed at each gate. Rocket launchers

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barracks gate on Hamburger Chaussee. On the same day, [REDACTED] a large number of 120-mm mortars, including 12 he counted, and some light AT guns, which he thought had 45 mm caliber, at structure No 46, and at a similar structure which was not entered in the sketch and was situated between structures Nos 46 and 86.

[REDACTED] tank noises from the northwestern section of the installation. Vehicles observed in the billeting area included [REDACTED]

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3. At 4:30 p.m. on 5 June, a train of 9 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 4 sealed boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars with 13 canvas-covered AA guns, and 25 trucks

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was loaded at the Dallgow railroad station. The loading was completed at 7:30 p.m. The departure of the train was not observed.

4. Between 2 and 6 June, the following troop trains at the Dallgow railroad station:
- On 2 June, A train, of 8 converted boxcars with about 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 2 boxcars, and 34 flatcars with 20 x 120-mm mortars and 39 trucks

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The train went to Forst Zinna. The unit returned on 5 June.

On 3 June, A train of 9 converted boxcars with about 160 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 1 boxcar, and 28 flatcars with trucks. According to shipping documents, Jueterbog-Altes Lager was receiving station. The troop train, however, went to Forst Zinna.

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On 4 June, A train of 12 converted boxcars with about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and 34 flatcars with 6 x 57-mm AT guns, 24 x 76.2-mm field guns, and about 40 trucks

The train came from Forst Zinna. A train of 3 converted boxcars with about 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black, black-bordered black and blue-bordered black epaulets, and 8 flatcars with 6 van-like trucks and 2 trucks

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The train was dispatched to Fuerstenberg/Havel.

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On 5 June, A train of 13 converted boxcars with 250 to 300 troops, 4 boxcars, and 37 flatcars with 12 x 37-mm AA guns without gun shield, and about 25 trucks, including

The train went to Jueterbog-Altes Lager.

On 6 June, A train of 8 converted boxcars with about 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and 32 flatcars with 12 x 76.2-mm field guns, and about 35 trucks,

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The train came from Forst Zinna.

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1. Comment. The reports from Olympisches Dorf, Altes Lager and Neues Lager confirm the previous occupation. The observation of rocket launchers at structures Nos 84, 85 and 86 confirm the assumption that the 1st RL Bn of the 1st Mecc Div was stationed at Altes Lager. The number of rocket launchers mentioned in the present report is believed to be incorrect. The occupation of structure No 46 reported in paragraph 3 indicates that Unit Matveyev (fnu) (letter e) entered in the sketch as a mechanized regiment actually was the 294th Mort Regt of the division.

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2. Comment. The troop trains leaving on 2, 3 and 5 June 1953 and the troop train with units of the 1st Mecc Div arriving on 4 June 1953 were previously reported. The troop train on 5 June 1953 and, according to vehicle and weapons, carried elements of the 1382nd AAA Regt of the division. Thus, this unit is confirmed at Doeberitz until 5 June 1953. The troop train returning from Forst Zinna on 4 June 1953. The other troop train on 4 June 1953 possibly carried vehicles of the unidentified signal battalion of the division to Fuerstenberg. The train was also reported. Railroad indicate that the troop train from Forst Zinna on 6 June 1953, carrying an artillery unit of the division

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